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Letter to PTO RE: Issue Fee Payment Issue

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

On August 17, 2005, Applicants' Representative filed a Paper with the PTO, stating that "Applicants attempted to pay the issue fee on August 2, 2005, with Check # 12108 provided by Applicants. Applicants' representative understands from Applicants that this check may not clear. Thus, in the event that that check did not clear, the PTO is authorized to obtain the necessary fees for payment of the issue fee, as well as any other fees associated with the non-clearance of that check, from Foley & Lardner Deposit Account #19-0741. A copy of the Issue Fee transmittal previously filed, but with the Deposit Account information included this time, is submitted with this letter."

Applicants have since then received a copy of the Letters Patent, whereby Applicants assumed that the PTO did charge the above-mentioned Deposit Account for the issue fee payment. However, to date, Applicants Deposit Account statement does not show that such a charge was made, and Applicants double-checked the Check # 12108 and indeed it did not clear.

Thus, the PTO is requested to look into this matter again, and to charge the Deposit Account mentioned above to obtain the necessary issue fee payment, if it has not already been done by the PTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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